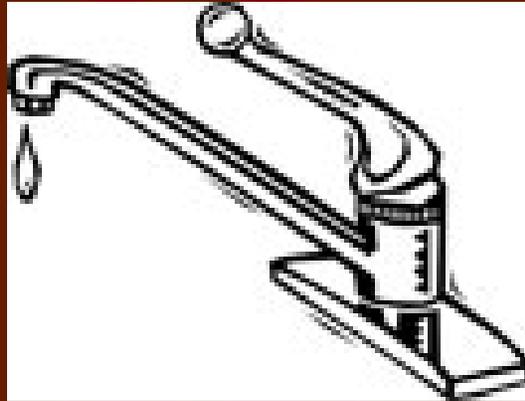


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# Electric, Water, and Sewer Third Party Notification

Third Party Notification provides a safety net by allowing customers to provide the name and address of another entity – ORS, DHEC, etc. – who can be notified by mail, along with the customer, when an account becomes delinquent. It's helpful in making sure others are made aware of situations when a bill is past due and service is scheduled to be cut off.

**Disclaimer:** Third-party information can only be added with the consent of the account holder (i.e., customer).

# Information Sharing

**Section 58-3-130.** Upon demand by the Office of Regulatory Staff, each state department, board, and commission, and each officer or agent of the State must furnish to the Office of Regulatory Staff, for inspection and confidential use, any record or information on file with the department, board, commission, or officer, as appropriate, concerning the property values, operation, income, or other matter of any person doing business as a public utility in this State. This includes DHEC, Secretary of State, and the SC Labor, License, and Regulations office.

# Regulation or Statute Overlap

Commission sewerage regulation 103-535.0. conflicts with statute **Section 27-33-50.(B)**. The sewage regulations of the Commission states that a landlord could be held liable for a tenant's sewage utility debt. However, a more recent clause in the Landlord and Tenant statute states that the landlord can't be held liable nor is the landlord obligated to sign any type of agreement to be responsible for charges billed to the tenant unless the property is a multi-unit building consisting of four or more residential units served by a master meter or single connection.

# Service Area Restriction

**SECTION 5-31-50.** Exclusive municipal franchises for furnishing water or waste disposal service.

All cities and towns of this State may grant to persons the exclusive franchise of furnishing water or waste disposal service to such cities and towns and the inhabitants thereof for a period not exceeding forty years. No such franchise shall be valid unless it shall first receive the vote of two thirds of the governing body of the city or town granting it and be subsequently confirmed by a vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city or town, voting at an election to be called specially for the purpose. Any ordinance or resolution granting such a franchise shall prescribe a method for determining rates for furnishing water, both for public and private consumption, and for waste disposal service, and make provision for periodic renewal of such franchises. No such franchise shall exceed a period of forty years from the initial delivery of water or the commencement of waste disposal services or affect any existing contractual rights.

**MAIL FRAUD?**

**FEDERAL CONCERN**

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